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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT OF THE MARINER  
AT LOS ANGELES AIRPORT

Boarding party consisted of the following:

LTJG W. D. JENNINGS, Executive Officer, USS MARINER, from Downside, California

LTJG D. D. JOSEPH, Executive Officer, USS PIERCE, from East Peterson, New Jersey

ENS. E. A. WASS, Damage Control Officer, USS MARINER, from McHenry, Illinois

ENS. P. W. SAUER, Damage Control Officer, USS MARINER, from Charlotte, North Carolina

LTJG R. W. HARRIS, Executive Officer, USS MARINER, from Newport, Rhode Island

The Boarding Officer (LTJG HARRIS) arrived on board, announced the purpose of his visit, and requested to examine the ship's records. The Master's cabin was available for further examination. The Master was familiar with the procedures of the President of the United States concerning the quarantine of ships and the restriction on prohibited items. The ship at Newport and Washington officials working under the authority of the quarantine and the advisability of using Navy personnel rather than civilian personnel was stated. Upon the completion of the records examination, the Boarding Officer proceeded with an appropriate search in company with the Master, Chief Mate, and Radio Officer. During the search, the conversation was casual and was concerned primarily with the examination of the listed books and the inspection of one hold which was opened at the request of the Boarding Officer. The Master reported that this was the first voyage of the ship since the 1958 voyage. The ship's log, dated 1958, was presented and the ship's log, dated 1958, was presented and the ship's log, dated 1958, was presented.

The Master, Chief Mate, and Radio Officer, spoke in English.

The ship's radio room, which was working light with good response and provided an international flag under "Under Quarantine." This means: "You should keep the ship at anchor."

The Boarding Party was not armed. There was no armed personnel, particularly since they were in view of both the MARINER and the PIERCE. The uniform for all members of the Boarding Party was white dress white.

The MARINER's Captain is George J. Cantelano, Commanding - Coast. The ship's crew numbered 144, including 12 Italian.